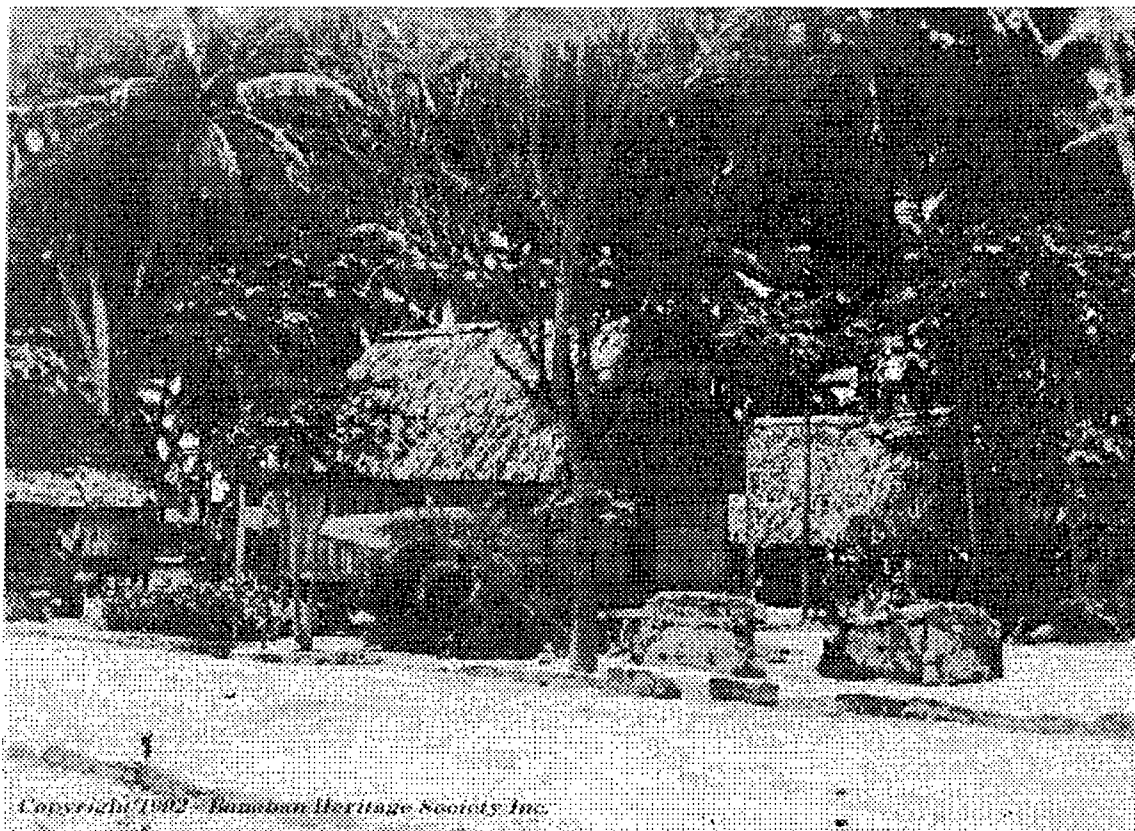


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The Banaban village of Buakonikai was situated on the lush central plateau and supplied the Banabans with an abundance of food trees. This photograph was taken of the village in 1932 before mining began.

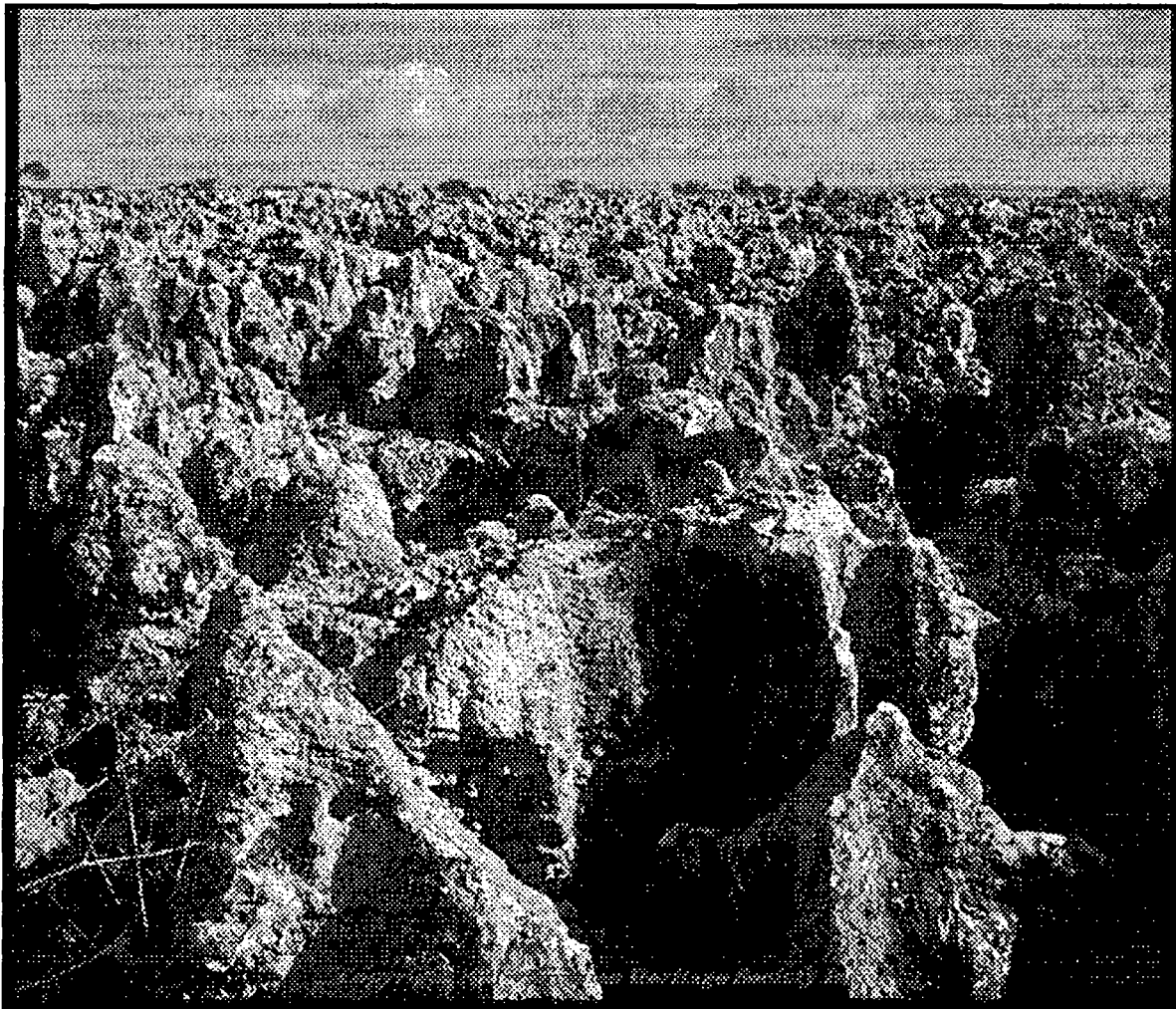


Buakonikai 1932

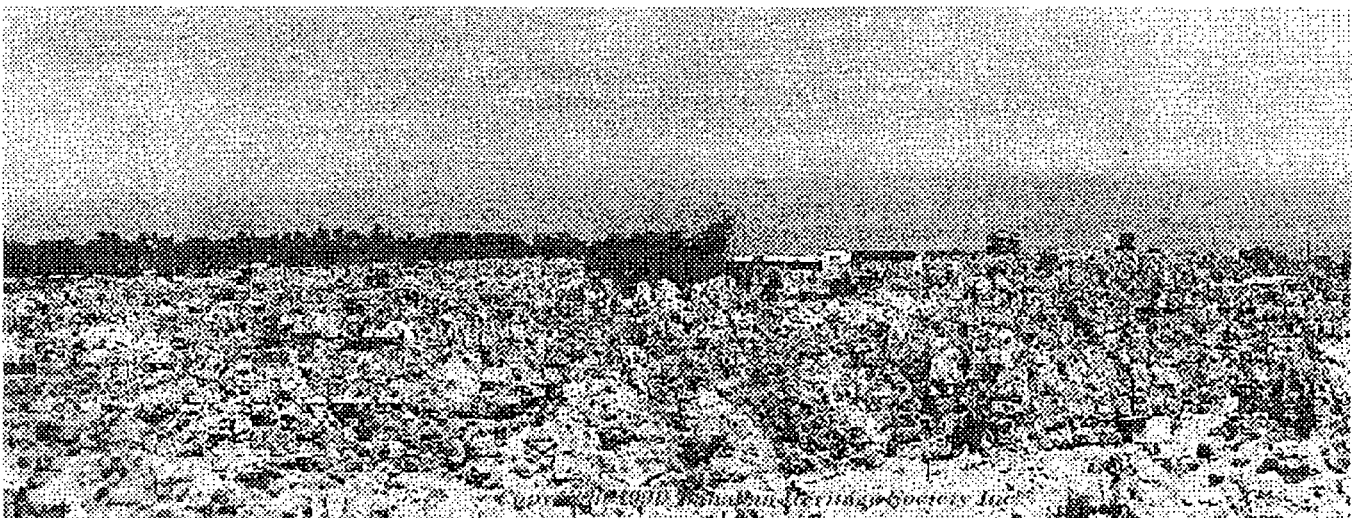
This is the devastation left by Phosphate mining on Banaba, and shows the stark pinnacles left after mining is finished. At Buakonikai the depth of mining went down to 80 feet. Today from an original island consisting of 1,500 acres, only 150 acres around the shoreline remains unmined. The rest of the island, as seen in this photo is left barren and uninhabitable.



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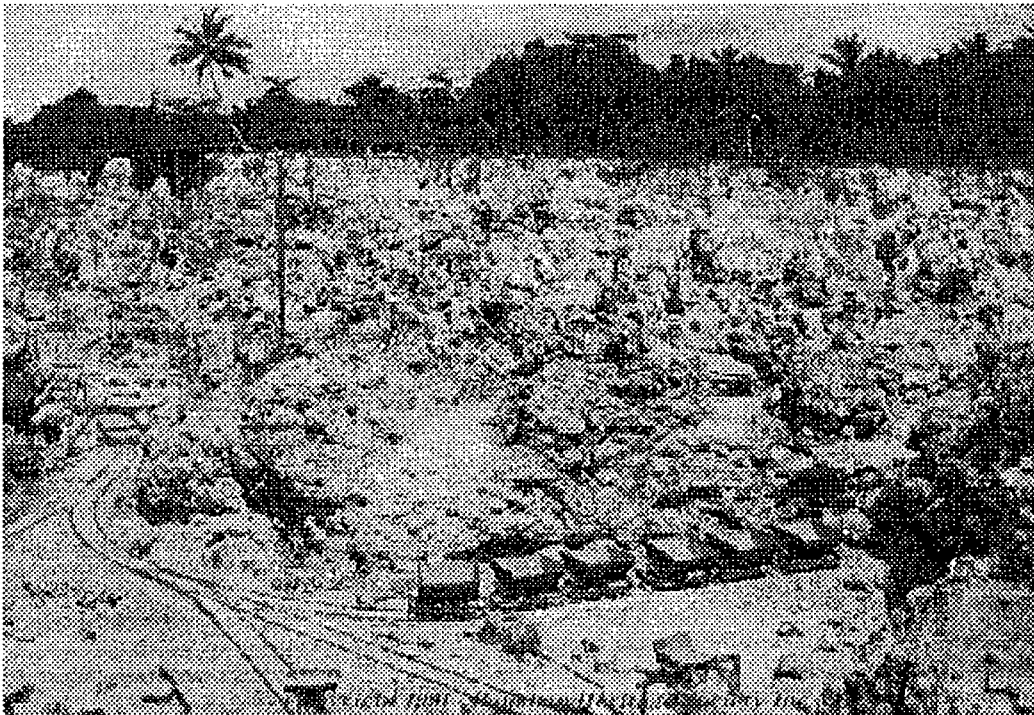
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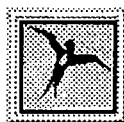
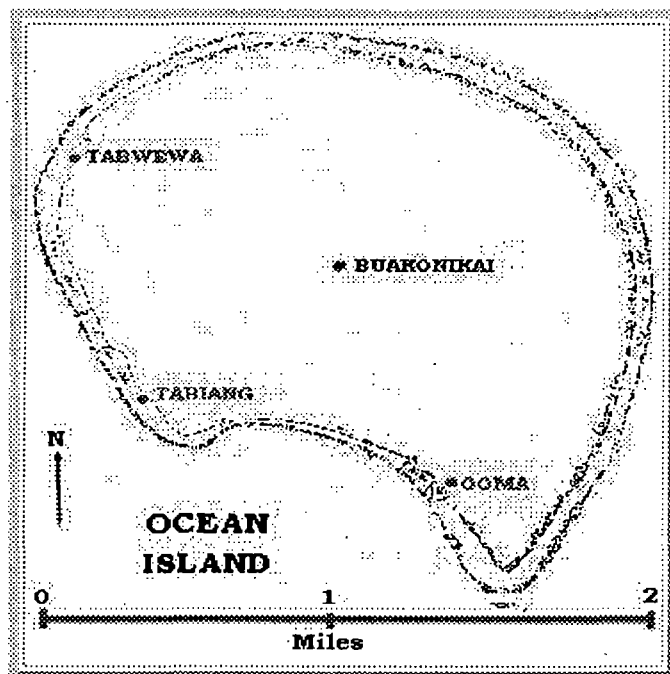
Phosphate mining in progress - circa 1932



Phosphate mining in progress - circa 1920



Phosphate mining in progress - circa 1932



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